

**Government Programs Statement for Tobacco Litigation**  
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Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Florida (BCBSF) has joined the Coalition for Tobacco Responsibility, an alliance of independent Blue Cross and Blue Shield plans in about 35 states, to commence litigation against major tobacco companies.

This action does not impact or affect in any way the Medicare program that BCBSF administers for the federal government, or the beneficiaries who are enrolled in the traditional Medicare program.

BCBSF customers with further questions about this litigation may call 1-800-926-6565.

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